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THE FRENCH DEFEATS.

The details of the late German victories indicate that they were achieved by tactics similar to those successfully employed at Sadowa, and if a real military genius had been at the head of the French armies, these victories would have been converted into terrible defeats.

Several of our most distinguished American generals have expressed the opinion that if the Austrian commander at Sadowa had marched his whole force against either wing of the advancing Prussian army, instead of waiting for the combined attack of both, he would have been able to defeat his divided enemy in detail.

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Another alternative is a hasty termination of the war, a patched-up truce, leaving France as deeply humiliated as Austria was after Solferino and Sadowa.

The fact that fears of the safety of the French capital absorb a large portion of the attention of the terror-stricken government Napoleon established there, and that such fears have been engendered at the very outset of the campaign, is a significant proof of the lack of public confidence in the Imperial regime.

LINE UPON LINE!

The North Carolina election is another grave admonition to the Republican party that it can maintain its supremacy only by promptly correcting the evils it has too long cherished within itself.

Every election held this year has been a fresh notice to the Republican leaders that the party must reform itself. Connecticut opened the campaign of 1870 with disaster, whereby a faithful and patriotic Governor was displaced by 800 majority.

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In Pennsylvania the same mad policy is aimed at. The Republican party can succeed only by deserving the approval and confidence of the intelligent and patriotic people of the State. Its abuses, corruptions, and subordination to shameless pretenders like Cameron are justly appreciated by all sections, and unless the Republican organization, as an organization, shall show an earnest, determined purpose to reform itself, and restore the State to faithful government, we shall lose half a dozen or more Congressmen, and possibly the Legislature.

Pennsylvania can be saved to the Republicans, but not by defying the people and the laws. Let the party, as a party, declare for constitutional reform, and show the people that the shameless corruptions of Harrisburg must be broken up and rendered impossible henceforth. Let the true men of the party, who want no office and seek no place or profit by political prostitution, come to the front and lead the Republican organization to reform and victory.

THE FATE OF THE FENIANS.

The offense of the Fenians who attempted the invasion of Canada a few months ago was one of the most serious known to the law; and although a combination of circumstances served to render a large number of the people of the United States at least indifferent to the annoyance given to the Canadians, every consideration of justice and self-respect requires that such outrages shall not only be discontinued but sternly punished.

The border by hordes of crazy Irishmen. Because of the hostile attitude of Canada towards us, however, the people of the United States certainly feel a sort of apathy with regard to the disposal of the Fenian bandits who inspired the Kanucks with so much terror, but the fact remains that O'Neil and others implicated in the raid were guilty of a great crime, and that they richly deserve to be punished in a manner that will serve to inspire them and their sympathizers with a proper respect for the law.

"General" O'Neil and "Colonel" Brown were tried a short time ago at Windsor, Vermont, and sentenced to the State Prison; but this will be scarcely even a nominal punishment if, as is reported, these two scamps are not to be put to labor, are not to assume the prison garb, or associate with the other prisoners, but are to have a room to themselves, with a separate table and the same fare as the superintendent, and are to be treated in all respects like gentlemen, so that the only inconvenience they will suffer will be the confinement within the walls of the prison.

A pressure is being brought upon the President to induce him to grant them his pardon, and all the politicians who are anxious to conciliate the Irish vote are working like beavers to make capital for themselves by procuring the liberation of the Fenian captives. The better judgment of the President must convince him that this is not a proper case for the executive interference, and that the cause of law and order will be best served by allowing the bold raiders to suffer all the punishment that the merciful judges imposed upon them.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

It was impossible for the founders of the Government to decide in every case exactly what powers had best be given to the General Government and what had best be left to the States. Different matters of detail, too, could scarcely have been even thought of when the Constitution was adopted, have been brought into prominence by the varied experiences of an immense increase in territory, the admission of numerous new States, and changes in the social conditions and relations of the people.

The evil effects of permitting different States which really form one nation to have separate laws on the subject of marriage and divorce have been fully demonstrated recently in several cases of gross outrage perpetrated by means of the uncertainty and confusion caused by the differences that exist between the laws of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Affairs in this country are certainly not in so bad a state as they are on the other side of the water, but they are bad enough to demand the serious attention of all good citizens; and several specimens that have been brought before the public quite recently of the way in which Indiana divorcees can be made use of by men and women who are attracted by new affluities, indicate that it is high time our law-makers were dealing with a subject that has already become an evil of no small magnitude.

OBITUARY.

Hon. George T. Cobb. Among the victims of the recent railroad accident in West Virginia was the Hon. George T. Cobb, of New Jersey. This gentleman was well known and highly esteemed both in public and private life.

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